

Medicare & You 2003 Updates

Please Note: Since the printing of this booklet in October 2002, the following changes have been made:

1. Updated all premium and deductible rates
2. Updated phone numbers and plan data
3. Changed page number references for “Words to Know” to 65-68 on page 1
4. Added inpatient mental health care language on page 7
5. Changed CAT scan to CT scan on page 12
6. Changed page number references for “Words to Know” to 65-68 on page 19
7. Added PPOs reference to phrase “(like HMOs)” in Medicare Managed Care Plan bullet on page 19
8. Changed page number references in all boxes for blue words to 65-68 (pages 23 and 37)
9. Changed page number reference on bottom of page 32 from 13-19 to 16-19
10. Made “Point of Service” on page 38 blue
11. Page 58 – Deleted phrase “some or all of” and “’s” from the second sentence in the first paragraph after the Medicare Savings Program section. Second sentence now reads, “States have programs for people with limited income and resources that pay Medicare premiums.”
12. Page 58 – Revised first bullet (information in parenthesis) to read “(If you are eligible for Medicare Part A but don’t have it because you can’t afford it,...)”

13. Page 59 – Updated income limits in first bullet (\$1,031 for singles, \$1,384 for couples)
14. Page 59 – Updated income limit date to 2004 in asterisk information
15. Deleted extra period on second box on page 62
16. Added Point of Service and Preferred Provider Organization to “Words to Know” section
17. Added “Words to Know” heading to page 68 and moved information already on page 68 to bottom of page
18. Changed definitions reference on page 69 to “65-68”
19. Deleted page 24 reference for “Help with Costs” in Index
20. Deleted page 36 reference from Long-term Care in Index
21. Fixed font of Medicare + Choice in Index
22. Added term “privacy rights” to Index with page reference 50-53
23. Added Special Enrollment Period to Index with page reference 14
24. Changed date on back cover to read “Revised April 2003”

This booklet has recently been revised. Changes have been made to the content of the booklet. The updated version will be available on www.medicare.gov on the web. Select “Publications.”